



Purpose

IQLM strives to promote improvements in laboratory testing and services to benefit the health of the public.

The IQLM Agenda

- Promote evidence-based laboratory practices that lead to substantial improvements in quality, effectiveness, safety and appropriateness of care for patients
- Support research in the design and delivery of effective laboratory services
- Provide a forum for partners in delivery of laboratory services to discuss mechanisms to improve the quality and safety of laboratory services
- Develop and promote the best indicators for measuring the quality of laboratory services
- Develop sentinel networks of laboratories that provide regular, factual information on the state of laboratory practice
- Present a driving force for continuous quality improvement in laboratory tests and services
- Serve as a trusted source for information on laboratory practices
- Translate laboratory research into practical strategies for improving health care
- Develop educational programs to promote best laboratory practices
- Endow fellowship programs to conduct laboratory services research

The IQLM Story

In April 2003, a Quality Institute Conference convened key stakeholders to discuss the role of laboratory medicine in addressing America's health care problems. Thirty-eight partner organizations representing a broad cross-section of the health care community participated in the meeting to discuss the need for the creation of a new organization that could engage the health care community in improving laboratory services. The Institute for Quality in Laboratory Medicine was developed with generous initial support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Upcoming IQLM Events

Meeting of IQLM Partners	October 14, 2004	Atlanta, Georgia
IQLM Workgroups Meeting	October 15, 2004	Atlanta, Georgia
IQLM Conference	April 28-30, 2005	Atlanta, Georgia

For more IQLM information: <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/dls/iqlm/default.asp>